

Rural Health Demonstration Projects (RHDP)

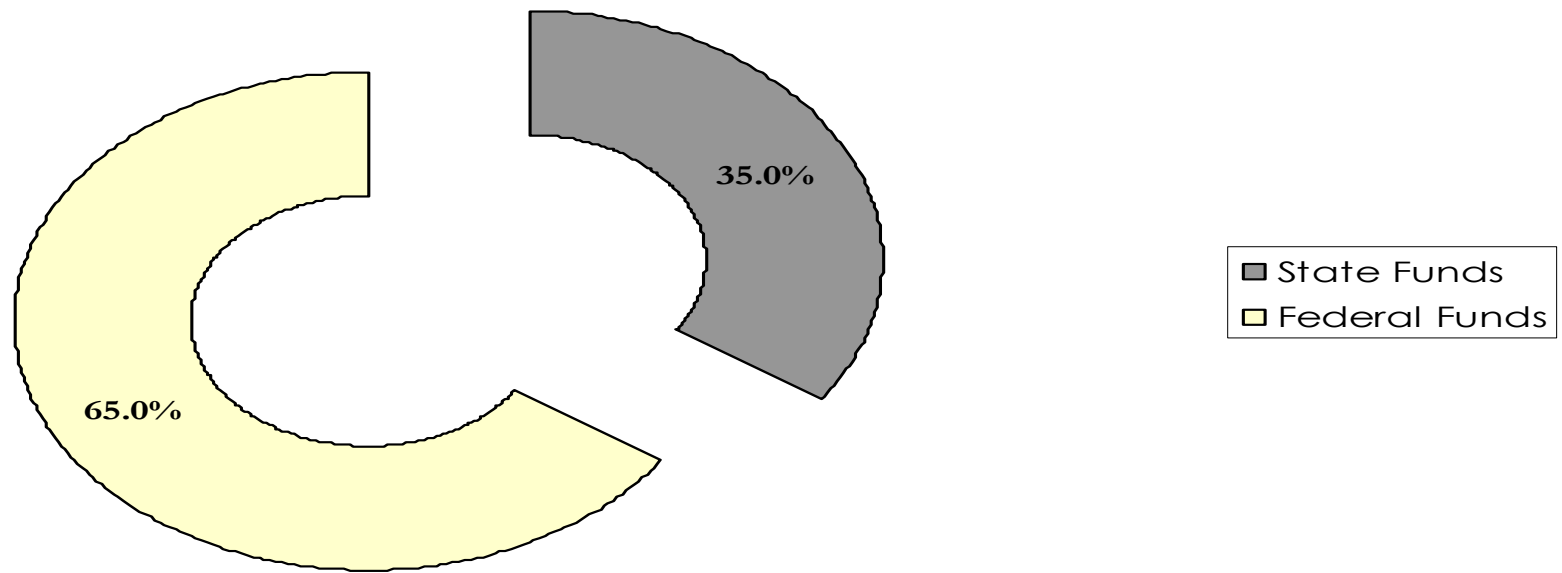
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Funding for the RHDP is allocated annually by the California Legislature and the Governor as part of the State Budget process.

In 2008-09 \$6.2 million was allocated for RHDP

RHDP Funding Sources Breakdown



Purpose of the RHDP

- Alleviate unique access problems to health, dental and vision care for
 - HFP members living in rural communities
 - Special Populations such as children of migrant and seasonal farm workers, fishing and forestry workers and American Indians.

RHDP is designed to meet two goals

- Increase access to health care for HFP enrolled children, and
- Provide short-term funding for projects that has the potential to be self-sustaining in the future.

Projects have been grouped into eight major categories

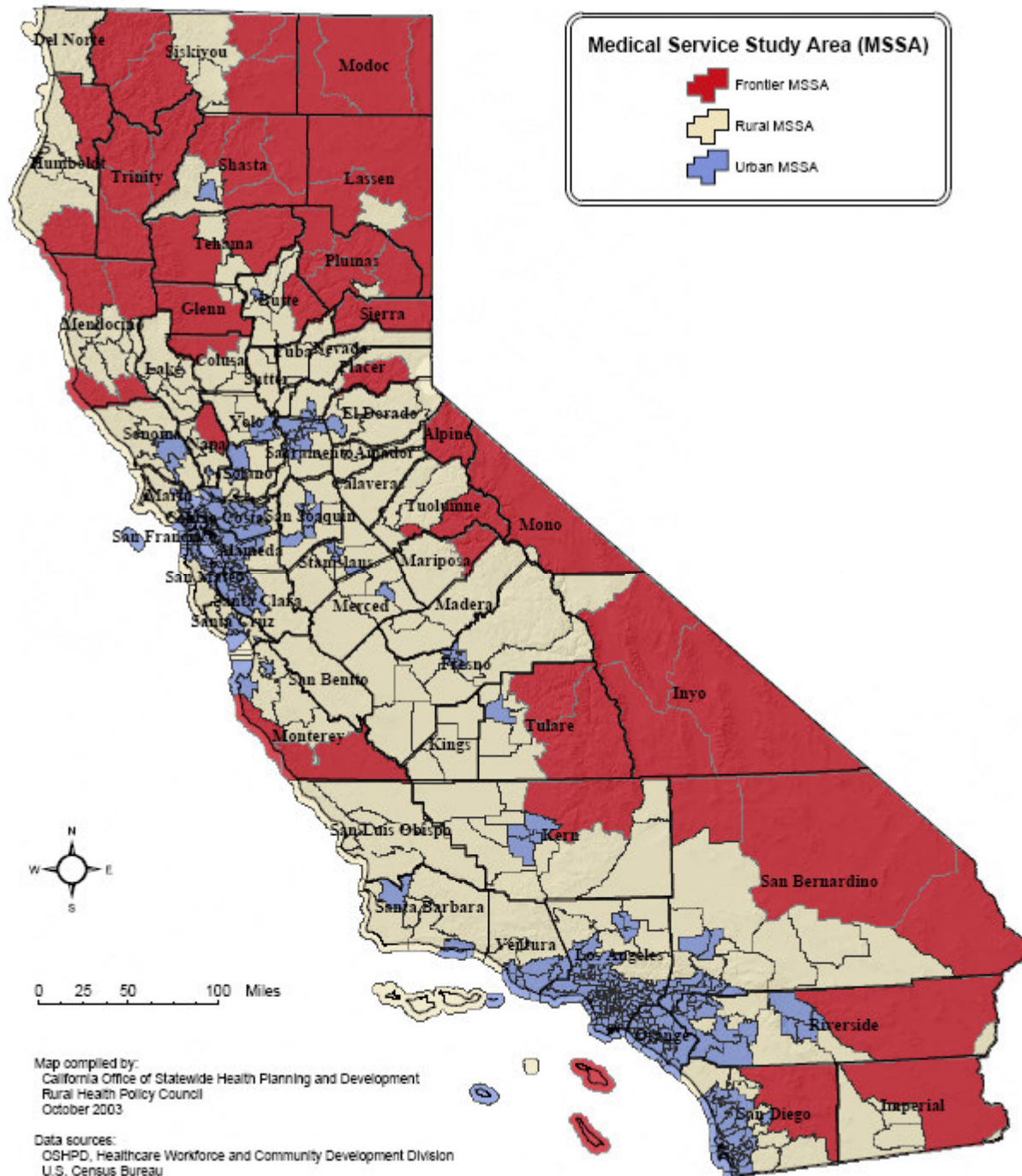
- Extended/Additional Provider Hours
- Mobile Dental and Health Vans
- Increase Available Providers
- Rate Enhancements
- Telemedicine
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Nutrition/Obesity Prevention, and
- Asthma Intervention

Plan and Provider Participation

All health, dental, and vision plans participating in the Healthy Families Program (HFP) are eligible to participate in the RHDP.

Geographic Access

- Projects must be located in a Rural MSSA as established by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.
- A MSSA is defined as an area with a population density of less than 250 people per square mile and no town of more than 50,000 people within the boundaries of the area



Special Populations

- Projects address unique access problems of special populations which include children of migrant and seasonal farm workers, fishing and forestry workers and American Indians.

2009-10 Solicitation Timeline (Proposed)

- First Draft to MRMIB Board in February 2009
- Final Draft to Board in March 2009
- Bidders conference with Plans in April 2009
- Project proposals due to MRMIB in May 2009
- Projects awarded to Plans at the MRMIB Board meeting following the signing of the State Budget.

Making it all worthwhile

